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Chapter Letters

ALPHA.

Richmond College.

It is with the deepest affection and most heartfelt pleasure that Alpha once more greets her sister Chapters. College opened September 21st, finding us with only six old men. We have had two "goatings," when we initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Jerome Wood Nottingham,	John T. Rogers,
Samuel K. Phillips,	Henry George III.,
John Samuel Tilman,	Luther Throckmorton.

All of whom are undergraduates except Bro. Throckmorton, thus promising a strong chapter next year as usual. Alpha is strong in college honors. We have four men on the foot ball team, including the captain, Bro. Mench, Bro. Webster, center for four years and captain of last year's team, is assistant coach. In the graduating class Bro. J. S. Kahle was elected vice-president also vice-president of the law class. Bro. Webster was elected orator. Bro. S. K. Phillips has been appointed gymnasium instructor of the College. Bro. Bowen gymnasium instructor at the Academy.

Our sisters have been a great help to us this year in securing men as their beautiful homes and earnest enthusiasm have made a deep impression on the new men. We were delighted to have with us a few days ago three of our distinguished alumni, Bro. R. R. Oliver, our G. P., who stopped on his way from the North to his country home; Bro. E. W. Hudgins, who is teaching at Cheriton, Va., and Bro. C. H. Howell, who has just recovered from a severe sickness and is on his way home to Fincastle, Va.

We were also glad to have with us so many brothers from Delta at a recent foot-fall game, and we can assure them and all other brothers that they will always be welcome to the halls of Alpha Chapter.

Wishing all the Chapters a prosperous and successful year,

Yours fraternally,

G. L. Doughty, Jr.

BETA ALPHA.

It is with pleasure we again greet our brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

In the May number of the JOURNAL we note with pleasure the pictures of our new officers of the Central Organization. We expect great things from them, and no doubt they will make their forceful personality and enthusiasm for Sigma Phi Epsilon felt by every Chapter.

At our last meeting in May a committee was appointed to secure a house for the college year 1905–'06, and we are glad to say was very successful securing us an excellent home for the chapter house at 212 S Lincoln street. where we are comfortably located and have our meetings every Friday night.

Term opened with all the Chapter roll in attendance, excepting Bros. B. Kunny and L. F. Smith, who are unable to return to their school duties this fall. Their absence is a great loss to us as they were earnest and enthusiastic workers in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The following new men have been initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Phi Epsilon since our last letter to the JOURNAL: L. Eidam, J. L. Lemmel, B. Kunny. J C. Lalor. J. J Toepler, M. Lee. and R. W. Furman—the three last-named having been initiated this year. We have been very deliberate in securing new men, being especially careful in regard to scholarship, character and general worthiness.

Our 1905 Alumni members consist of Bros. Barr, Myers, Meeks, Schimer. Dean, Kuhn, Gale and Winsett. Most of them having located and doing an excellent business. Perhaps my statement will be confirmed by announcing to you the marriage of F. E. Schimer, M. D., to Miss Tina Ashley on August 30th. 1905; also L. P. Kuhn, M D., to Miss Besse M. Patterson on September 9th, 1905. Dr. Kuhn is resident physician at the Palmyra Springs Sanitarium, Palmyra, Wis. Both are excellent gentlemen and the Beta Alpha Chapter extend to them their heartiest congratulations, wishing them perfect health and success will surely follow.

A. A. Hermann who has successfully finished an eighteen months internship at the Lakeside Hospital, Chicago, will on December 1st depart for Newark, O , where he will locate.

Bro. D. G. Borges, who was seriously ill during the spring months, is reported much improved by his summer sojourn in Colorado.

At one of our recent meetings we were gladly surprised to have with us one of our honorary members, Dr. Eisenstardt, also Bro. Deacon, M. D , one of our charter members who gave us a short talk.

The Annual Banquet given at the Great Northern Hotel on May 18th, 1905, by Beta Alpha was well attended by both Alumni and Honorary members of the city and was in every way a success, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all

A Smoker, given at the beginning of the term, for the purpose of getting acquainted with the prospective members, was well attended.

On Tuesday evening, October 24th, Mr and Mrs Bacon pleasantly entertained Beta Alpha and their friends at their home, 212 S. Lincoln street.

On November 4th, 1905, born to Bro. and Mrs. Harwood a boy We are now smoking to our heart's content while Bro. Harwood is singing sleep baby, sleep.

Fraternally in Sigma Phi Epsilon,

E. E. HORN

DELTA CHAPTER.

William and Mary College.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON HOUSE,
Williamsburg, Va.
October 26, 1905.

To Sigma Phi Epsilon at large Delta sends greeting:

William and Mary College opens her two hundred and twelfth session, upon the most prosperous year of her career. In the number of students and faculty in Athletic's buildings, advantages and enterprise she far outranks all the other previous years of her career.

We are happy to say to our sister Chapters at large, that Delta Chapter has kept pace with the grand old College of which we are a part This year finds us comfortably settled in a home enjoying the blessings of house-keeping, our dining room being one of the attractive parts of the house.

Delta Chapter was the second fraternity at this College to occupy a Chapter house: Since taking our house last June all the other fraternities at the College have secured houses.

Our membership has also been increased We take great pleasure in introducing to our brothers at large, Bros. V L. Arnold, J. H. Bowen, E. W. Chappell, J H. George, J. B. Gale, F. D. Irving, J. W. Mason, J. Nelson, and H, Blankinship. Bro. Blankinship, our only A. B man in last year's graduating class, was captain of our foot-ball team last year, exchange editor of the College Monthly, and editor-in-chief of the Colonial Echo, our College Annual. He was also elected captain of this year's eleven. We are very proud of Bro. Blankinship, to say the least, and we regret very much that he did not return to College this year. He is now principal of the High School in Buckingham, Va., but we hope to have him back with us next year.

Six of our old men are with us, Bros. W. M. Barber, C. C. Durkee, G. L. H. Johnson, C. F. James, T. J. Kingman,

and B. A. Warriner. Bros. Barber and Warriner are candidates for the A. B. degree.

Irving, Barber and Mason are roughing it on the gridiron. Bro. Johnson has been elected assistant manager of the base-ball team for the session.

On Thursday of last week Delta Chapter had her opening reception for this year, at which seventy-five people were present, and on Thursday of this week she entertained several friends at a "smoker."

We are preud of Delta's record, in the past, and we feel greatly encouraged and inspired for work in the future.

We have been honored by the presence of Bros. Howell and Dickinson (Alpha) in our new home, and we sincerely hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing these brothers, of whom every Sigma Phi Epsilon is justly proud within our walls again soon.

Our doors stands open to all brothers of the purple and red who may do us the honor to visit us.

Our entrance hall was left undecorated with the idea of decorating it with pictures of the groups in our sister Chapters and their College pennants. We shall be glad to hear from any or all the sister Chapters who will be so kind as to help us in this matter

Brothers, let this be a banner year for all those who stand beneath the purple and red. Let progress be our motto, and perseverance be our watch-word. Let us remember that the criticising eye of the world is upon us, and that a noble purpose is our aim.

We wish to every brother God-speed in his undertakings in this new year of College life, and we bid a hearty welcome to all of the new brothers that this year may bring us.

Yours fraternally,

T. J. KINGMAN.

ETA BETA

North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Eta Beta extends greetings to each and every brother Sigma Phi Epsilou.

It is with regret that we announce to the fraternity at large the serious illness of Bro. Lavill, our chapter correspondent. Bro. Lavill has typhoid at his home in Mt. Airy, N. C. This is a peculiar sad affliction to Bro Lavill, because he has for the past three years been leading his class and would have without a doubt been grauated with highest honors. This had been his highest ambition, to see a Sigma Phi Epsilou have graduated with highest honors.

When we returned to college this year we were seven strong. Brother Warren not having returned. At present we number eleven men, and by the end of May we hope to be able to introduce to the fraternity two more. We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity the following new brothers, viz; Bros Abernethy, Hampton, Denny and Moore. We feel justly proud in securing these men because of the facr that they have with one exception been rushed by the other fraternities, considering the fact that we were recently installed, it speakes well for Eta Beta.

To those of our sister chapters who know very little of us we will give a few of the offices and honors held by us. We have the President and Vice-President of the Senior class Treasurer of the Junior class, Treasurer of Athletic Association, Assistant Manager of Base Ball team for 1906, Vice-President of German Club, President of Tennis Club, President of one of the Literary Societies, two Editors on College Annual, two Editors on "Red and White," the monhtly publication of the College, Captain of Military Company, two Lieutenants, First Sergeant and Corporals, etc. This I think will help some of our sister chapters to form an idea of our standing in College. We do not wish to create the impression that our sole aim is to gain honors, because that is a minor issue with us. We agree with Bro. Webster when he says, ' The strength and permanence of the fraternity de-

pends upon the earnestness of purpose and hearty co-operation of every man in the fraternity." It is the sincere wish of Eta Beta that every chapter shall send its letter, we have not yet seen a comblete issue of the Journal, that is, where every chapter has a letter. Bro. Phillips' work is a noble one, and without the hearty co operation of each individual chapter he cannot get out the kind of Journal he wishes. Trusting that each sister chapter has a bright prospect for this year, I am

Fraternally,
W. F. BROCK.

THETA ALPHA.

Ohio Northern University.

It is with pleasure that we again greet our sister Chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and we extend our best wishes for success during this another school year.

We are at this time passing through a very critical period. and our future existence has been assailed by the change in the administration of our University in the Executive Department.

Several months past the Trustees of the University changed Presidents. and the policy of the new President Dr. Albert Edwin Smith. is averse to fraternities. However, it is with pleasure we announce that the outcome of the encounter will terminate in our victory, of which we will inform you. we hope, in our next letter.

Notwithstanding the position taken by our President, the future success of our Chapter has never been more promising.

We are now seeking a suitable house for our home and hope within a short time to obtain the same.

The foot-ball team this year is the best one our University has ever boasted. and had the honor of holding the University of Michigan team to a lower score than any other Ohio team for the last five years. Upon the varsity team we have three of our members, and the coach of the team is also a member of Theta Alpha.

Tau Kappa Kappa Sorority entertained the fraternity boys on Halloween night, and it is with pleasure that we attest to their success upon that occasion.

We introduce to our sister Chapters the following new members of Theta Alpha: Earle Wise, of Canton, Ohio; Jay Watt, of Cleveland, Ohio; Harry A. Brenner, of Springfield, Ohio; Eban Lewis, of Wapakonetta, Ohio; Roy Hamill, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Gail Hagerman, Arthur White, Charles Wilson, William Runser, A. Ross MacKown and I. Lloyd MacKoun are again with us this year

Edward E. Hasley, of Pittsbury, Pa., has entered into business as a partner in a firm doing business under the name of C. H. Smith. Ed. will be glad to have any Sigma Phi brother call at his office in the above city.

On Saturday, November 19, 1905, we initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Phi Carl O. Jessup, of Curtisville, Ind.; Clarence Miller, of Harrisburg, Pa.; and Howard B. Coleman, of Cooperstown, N. Y. After the initiation ceremonies a banquet was held at the Hotel Young Several speeches were made and the evening was one of the most enjoyable since the founding of our Chapter.

Wishing each of our sister Chapters a merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New year, I remain,

Fraternally,

HARRY A. BRENNER.

THETA BATA.

Wittenberg College.

The Theta Beta Chapter sends greeting to all sister Chapters.

We have rented a room on the third floor at High street and Fountain avenue, and have it fixed up in student style.

Our goat broke loose and hit Irwin E. Birk, of Urbana, Ind. We are very proud of him as he is our first capture, and is quite popular among the students. We have several men whom we think we can pledge, but we have had difficulty in getting pledge pins, as the jewelers misunderstood our order.

Old Wittenberg has started on her sixteenth year with Frat., Literary and Athletic spirit at its zenith.

Foot-ball here is on a boom. We have a new grand stand, a good coach and plenty of big men to work with. The first game was a victory over the Cincinnati Medics. to the tune of 23 to 0. Bro. Stafford is student manager.

Yours Fraternally,

E. E. Paulus.

Editorials.

PLEDGE PINS.

The Committee appointed to secure a new Pledge Pin has taken the matter up with the jewelers and the Pins may be secured of Wright, Kay & Co See advertisement.

Bear in mind that whatever a Sigma Phi Epsilon has done, another Sigma Phi Epsilon can do—better.

The Sigma Phi Epsilom who sits down and waits to be inspired, isn't going to hear the Angels whisper much; they whisper to the busy and the earnest oftenest.

The exclusiveness of some Sigma Phi Epsilons reminds us of the German and his wife who wished that everybody, except themselves, were dead, and they keeping a first-class hotel.

The strike of the printers in Richmond has caused the delay in getting out the October Journal. Many articles on hand are held over for this reason. This issue being gotten out to comply with the Postal Laws.

A very nnfortunate affair is that of Stuart Pierson at Kenyon College, Ohio, lact month.

One of the New York sensational papers printed a picture of young Pierson tied to the railroad track and a train about to pass over his body. This affair is of peculiar interest to all Greek Letter men, as the tone of the article would lead the general class of readers of the sensational papers to blame the D. K. E. fraternity, which society he had been invited to join.

College students do many foolish things in initiating men into College and into Secret Societies. Rarely is anything done but what is harmless. To think that students would be so thoughtless as to tie a fellow-student to a main line railroad track is ridiculous.

We read with pleasure the stand taken by Pierson's father and the statement of Dr. Pierce of Kenyon; as follows:

"I believe," said Pierson, "that this coroner seized the opportunity to make use of the death in order to take a trip to Cincinnati. His pretence was that he wanted to examine the body that had been shipped there, and after going back in his little country towu he started to create a sensation to explain away his trip"

In his statement Dr. Pierce says the coroner's finding is entirely mistaken. He describes the incidents of the initiation, saying young Pierson was sent to the end of the railway bridge alone, and that he met no one there. Dr. Pierce says the body bore no marks to indicate that the boy had been tied. In conclusion the statement says:

Pirst, it is not the custom of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, nor of any other fraternity in Kenyon College, to tie its initiates to the railroad traek, nor has there been an instance of the kind known. Barber, the Kenyon freshman, who is quoted as having testified to such treatment, never made such a statement.

"Second, the members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity did not make inquiry from the station agent about the train schedule for that night.

"Third, the bridge was not cleaned by the order of any group of students.

Fourth, I am not, as alleged, a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, or of any other.

"Fifth, there has been no attempt on the part of the College authorities to stifle investigation."

The Greek Press.

We wish to call the attention of the Chapter correspondents to the record made by the K. A. Journal for session of '04 and '05, vol. XXII. Not one secretary failed to do his duty in writing his Chapter letter during his entire session It means seft-sacrifice and labor. but let us make it possible for our editor-in-chief to make the report at the next conclave that every correspondent has done his duty.

My number of the Sigma Nu "Delta" is strictly an athletic edition, and the second one of the kind issued. It is intensely interesting, and is sure to be a source of inspira- to Sigma Nu. The time will come before many years when we will wish to have some such record. To that end let each Historian secure and preserve a careful record of the athletics in his Chapter, together with a photograph, and if possible, an electro piate.

The October number of "Delta" expresses in its first contribution an ideal that is absolutely necessary for the truest success in life. Two kindred spirits in boyhood days had been chums then drifted apart. Years after, they became reunited through the Sigma Nu fraternity catalogue. The letter from one to the other of the long separated friends contains these lines :

"The Chapter to which I belonged long used, and I am told still uses, a local membership pledge based on the one mentioned. Certainly, to choose students who will favor such ideals, and then by specific effort direct attention to and urge support of such ideals is worthy of any Fraternity Chapter. while failure to do this will cause the Chapter to be an injury not a help to its members. Its memories will be unsavory, and the chances are that, unless reform occurs, it will, in a few years, become only a memory, for in the long run only high deals will give permanence to any institution. The survival of the fittest may sometimes seem a little slow, but it is certain. A freshly fallen tree may stem the river's current for a brief while, may even flatter itself, as drift collects, that it will dam the river and stop its flow. But, dai-

ly, the tree decays and loses strength, while the river piles up its increasing waters First it overflows, then undermines, then flows through the wreckage, and finally sweeps the rotting, weakening, yielding obstruction from its place, carries it away completely, and scatters its remains far asunder on the sea, where water-logged, they sink to oblivion. Inferiority can not permanently stem the current of the progress of superiority. To live the unbounded life, to live the ever-increasing infinite life, we must as individuals and as organizations be in harmony with the infinite. Purity of speech, of thought, of life, is a basic element in such harmony, und the pledge referred to reads as follows:

"I, G—- D—— N—— E—— promise, by the help of God, to treat all women with respect, and endeavor to protect them from wrong and degredation, to endeavor to put down all indecent language and coarse jests; to maintain the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women; to endeavor to spread these principles among my companions and to try and help my younger brothers; to use every possible means to fulfill the command. "Keep thyself pure ' "

We admire Sigma men for holding before her members such high deals.

In an editorial on "College men in Cabinet," the editor calls attention to the fact that five out of the nine of the members of Roosevelt's cabinet are University trained men.

The President's Cabinet, as the highest Administrative body in the world, is a reflection of the spirit of the age, which recognizes young men and higher education. It brings forcibly to public attention the value of the College and University as an aid to better equipment for broader and more useful life. In view of this fact we urge any brothers who intend to take only a partial College training to change their plans, get in step with the spirit of the times and complete your training, if possible.

Among the "Greek news" we notice the statement that we have entered North Carolina. A. and M. and University of North Carolina. We have a fine Chapter at A. and M. Our entrance into the University is an error that we wish to correct.

Beta Theta Pi comes to our exchange table in a very tasty new cover. The contents are up to their usual high standard. The story, Transfer Number 105 very forcibly and delightfully sets forth the evil of refusing to accept transfers from other Chapters.

The editor has some good suggestions to the new corresponding secretaries that may be quoted to the edification of Sigma Phi Epsilon correspondents.

"Many of them do not write good English prose, but that is a commonplace condition now among collegians. They disregard all sorts of rules and regulations, but their hearts are right and their intentions good, and we could not do without them Don't write when you have nothing to say, but don't assume that you have nothing to say because what you must say seems so ordinary and usual and trivial. We do not know what yon know about your Chapter. But do not tell us football news that will be stale long before we can print it, and don't write "frat" and "school" when you mean or ought to mean 'fraternity" and 'college." A man who will write "frat" usually wears "pants" and refers to his male companions as "us gents." If you will be correct in your style so far as those two words are concerned, we will forgive almost anything."

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